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SUBJECT: ROK - YEMEN RELATIONS
REF: SANAA 184 (NOTAL)

1. DURING CALL ON ARP JUNE 17 FOR BRIEFING ON MILITARY
TAKE-OVER IN YAR, ROK EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY PARK KUN WOO
SAID THAT ROK AND YAR HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING ESTABLISH-
MENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. PARK SAID YAR FOREIGN
MINISTER AL-ASNAG AND ROK AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA
YOON MET IN JIDDA MAY 15. PRIOR TO JUNE 13 MILITARY
TAKEOVER AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN PLANNING TO VISIT SANAA,
BUT AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN HAVING DIFFICULTIES ARRANGING
TRIP. PARK ASKED DEPT OFF WHETHER ROK SHOULD LET ITS
EFFORTS REST FOR A WHILE IN LIGHT YEMENI DEVELOPMENTS.
DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT SITUATION APPEARED TO BE RETURNING
VERY RAPIDLY TO NORMAL AND THAT WE SAW NO REASON WHY
AMBASSADOR SHOULD NOT PROCEED TO SANAA AFTER MAKING
SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS. SHOULD AMBASSADOR HAVE DIFFICULTY
IN CONTACTING YAR FOREIGN MINISTRY, WE WOULD BE HAPPY
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TO ASK EMBASSY SANAA'S ASSISTANCE IN PASSING MESSAGES.

2. DRAWING ON NEGATIVE IMPRESSION LEFT BY JAPANESE DELEGATION TO SANAA (REFTEL), WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING JAPANESE DEPTOFF SUGGESTED TO PARK THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS AID, SINCE YEMENIS MIGHT RAISE FEW MODEST AND WELL THOUGHT OUT ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS. PARK THOUGHT AMB. YOON WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE DISCUSSING ASSISTANCE. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY RE WHAT SPECIFIC FIELDS, DEPTOFF SUGGESTED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN HEALTH, AGRICULTURE OR EDUCATION.

3. ALTHOUGH ROK AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA CAN ASK ASSISTANCE OF YAR EMBASSY JIDDA, PARK MAY BE BACK TO TAKE UP OUR OFFER TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS WITH YARG. UNLESS ADDRESSEE POSTS PERCEIVE OBJECTION, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE AMB YOON LOW KEY ASSISTANCE IN RE-ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATION WITH YARG FONMIN.

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